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SUBJECT: NSF OFFICIAL VISIT (ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FOR  
COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH)

1. TRAVELLERS ARE DR. EDUARDO FELLER AND MS. CHRISTINE  
FRENCH, PROGRAM MANAGERS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WITH  
LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL  
PROGRAMS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF). PURPOSE OF  
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TRIP IS TO GATHER USEFUL IMPRESSIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT  
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT VARIOUS AND POTENTIAL INSTITUTIONS  
FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COLLABORATION WITH U.S. IN  
TRADITIONAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING. THEY PLAN TO VISIT  
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCILS OR APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCIENCE POLICY, PLANNING  
OR SUPPORTING SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL AS UNI-

VERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS.

2. TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

LV D.C. 5/17 1300 PA 541

ARR GUAT. CITY 5/17 1515 " "

LV GUAT. CITY 5/21 1630 PA 541

ARR SAN JOSE, CR 5/21 1755 " "

LV SAN JOSE 5/25 1215 LR 611

ARR PORT OF SPAIN 5/26 0905 VA 980 (VIA CARACAS)

LV PORT OF SPAIN 5/31 0730 BW 400

ARR KINGSTON 5/31 1230 " "

LV KINGSTON 6/4 1335 LM 457

ARR SANTO DOMINGO 6/4 2020 EA 941 (VIA SAN JUAN P.R.)

LV SANTO DOMINGO 6/8 0935 PA 436 TO U.S.

3. ACTION: ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FROM EMBASSIES IN  
MAKING APPOINTMENTS AT CERTAIN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AS  
DETAILED BELOW, AND IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT  
MODERATE PRICED, STANDARD CLASS HOTELS LOCATED CLOSE TO  
INSTITUTIONS BEING VISITED. EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE WELCOME  
TO ACCOMPANY NSF VISITORS ON ANY APPOINTMENTS OF INTEREST,  
HOWEVER, NO ESCORT IS NECESSARY. NO LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES  
ARE ANTICIPATED. PLEASE IDENTIFY CONTACT/CONTROL  
OFFICER IN RESPONSE, FOR FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.

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4. GUATEMALA: INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST IN ORDER OF  
PRIORITY: ICAITI, INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO NACIONAL,  
UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN CARLOS, INCAP. WOULD APPRECIATE  
EMBASSY IDENTIFICATION OF AND ADVICE ON VALUE OF VISIT TO  
APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, RESPONSIBLE  
FOR SCIENCE POLICY, NATIONAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES OR  
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. NSF STAFF WOULD PLAN TO VISIT  
SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL ONLY IF EMBASSY JUDGES IT WOULD BE  
WORTHWHILE OR IF PROTOCOL DICTATES.

NSF PROGRAM IS NOW SUPPORTING COOPERATIVE RESEARCH  
PROJECTS INVOLVING SCIENTIST CARLOS ROLZ OF ICAITI, SAM  
BONIS OF INST. GEOGRAFICO, AND TIMOTHY FARRELL OF INCAP.  
HOWEVER, CONTACTS SHOULD PROPERLY BE MADE WITH THE HEADS  
OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS. DR. CARLOS AGUIRRE, TECHNICAL  
DIRECTOR (ICAITI); ING. OSCAR SALAZAR, CHIEF GEOLOGIST  
(INST. GEOGRAFICO). NO INDIVIDUALS ARE  
KNOWN AT UNIV. DE SAN CARLOS, BUT NSF WOULD LIKE TO MEET  
WITH DEANS OF RESEARCH OR SCIENCE, AS AVAILABLE.

PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT ABOVE INSTITUTIONS AT WHAT-

EVER TIMES ARE CONVENIENT DURING PERIOD MAY 18-19. WOULD PREFER LONGEST STAY AT ICAITI, SHORTEST AT INCAP. HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CITY FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 17-19 WOULD BE NEEDED. SIDE TRIP WILL BE MADE SATURDAY, AND TRAVELLERS EXPECT TO STAY OUT OF TOWN.

5. COSTA RICA: NSF STAFF EXPECT ALL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO BE MADE BY ITS COUNTERPART COSTA RICAN AGENCY, THE CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TECNOLOGICAS (CONICIT). INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS ARE CONICIT, UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA, OTS,

AND CATIE. SEVERAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS INVOLVING JOINT NSF-CONICIT SUPPORT ARE ONGOING THERE. WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY CONFIRMING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS (INCLUDING HOTEL) BY CONTACTING JORGE RAMIREZ (HEAD, PROJECTS DEPT.) AT CONICIT AFTER MAY 1ST.

6. TRINIDAD: NSF HAS NO ESTABLISHED CONTACTS OR PROJECTS IN TRINIDAD, BUT HAS RECEIVED SUGGESTIONS OF POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE CONTACTS AS FOLLOWS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JUDGMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH WILLIAM DANIELS, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT, AND KENNETH JULIAN (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) J.S. KENNEY (MARINE SCIENCE) AND S. SATCUNANATHAN (SOLAR ENERGY), ALL BELIEVED TO BE AT UNIV. OF THE WEST INDIES. ALL ARE OAS PROJECT LEADERS. ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS (PARTICULARLY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL) RECOGNIZED BY EMBASSY AS SIGNIFICANT IN SCIENCE RESEARCH OR POLICY COULD BE ADDED TO THIS GROUP OF APPOINTMENTS AS TIME OR MERIT PERMITS.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF MAY 26 AND ALL DAY MAY 29 AND 30. PLEASE RESERVE MODERATE PRICED HOTEL NEAR UNIVERSITY (IF APPROPRIATE) FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 26 (EARLY CHECK IN) THROUGH MAY 30.

7. JAMAICA: INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST ARE UNIV. OF WEST INDIES, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL, AND ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH DR. ARNOLDO VENTURA OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL, WHO IS EXPECTING NSF VISIT IN EARLY JUNE. NO OTHER FIRM CONTACTS ARE KNOWN, ALTHOUGH SIR PHILIP SHERLOCK OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES VISITED NSF LAST YEAR AND RECEIVED INFORMATION ON ITS COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

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WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JUDGMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN  
MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT  
UNIVERSITY AND THOSE NAMED ABOVE, PLUS OTHERS RECOGNIZED  
BY EMBASSY AS SIGNIFICANT IN THE JAMAICAN SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT. APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED  
ALL DAY JUNE 1 AND 2, AND POSSIBLY LATE AFTERNOON OF  
MAY 31.

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 31  
THROUGH JUNE 3 AT MODERATELY PRICED, CONVENIENT HOTEL.

8. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: INSTITUTIONS OF PRIMARY INTEREST  
ARE INTEC, INDOTEC AND THE UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA MADRE Y  
MAESTRA (UCMM) IN SANTIAGO. NSF IS SUPPORTING A COOP-  
ERATIVE GEOLOGY PROJECT AT UCMM INVOLVING ING. NELSON  
GIL GIL, DR. GASTON LANZO AND DR. G. MILLAR OF THE GEOLOGY  
DEPT., AND ING. IVAN TAVARES OF THE DEPT. OF GEOLOGY OF  
THE MUSEO NACIONAL DE HISTORIA NATURAL. RECTOR OF UCMM,  
AGRIPINO NUNEZ, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLE NSF  
STAFF VISIT. CONTACT HAS ALSO BEEN MADE WITH DR. LATORRE  
RECTOR OF INTEC DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINT-  
MENTS WITH NAMED INDIVIDUALS AT THE ABOVE INSTITUTIONS  
PLUS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING OR  
MANAGEMENT OF SCIENCE SUCH AS DIRECTOR OF INDOTEC,  
DR. ALFONSO GUTIERREZ AND DR. RAFAEL GONZALEZ MASSENET,  
ASESOR CIENTIFICO DEL PODER EJECUTIVO. NSF STAFF WOULD  
EXPECT/PREFER TO FLY ROUNDTRIP TO SANTIAGO ON TUESDAY,  
JUNE 6 SO OTHER APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR JUNE 5  
AND 7. PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS AT MODERATE  
PRICED HOTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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